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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

LIBERTY MEDIA HOLDINGS, LLC	) Case No. 11-cv-62107-KMW
Plaintiff,	) ) ) FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
vs.  SERGEJ LETYAGIN, d/b/a SUNPORNO.COM, IDEAL CONSULT, LTD., "ADVERT", "CASTA", "TRIKSTER", "WORKER", "LIKIS", "TESTER" and DOES 1-50	(1) DIRECT COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT; (2) CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT; (3) VICARIOUS COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT; (4) INDUCEMENT OF COPYRIGHT
Defendants	INFRINGEMENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

LIBERTY MEDIA HOLDINGS, L.L.C. hereby files this Amended Complaint against multiple Defendants for violations of its intellectual property rights, namely Liberty's copyrights, which are being infringed upon by multiple persons.

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. This action is filed by Liberty Media Holdings, LLC (hereinafter Liberty or Plaintiff), to recover damages arising from infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights in its creative works by the Defendant, either directly or indirectly, through use of the SunPorno website found at www.sunporno.com. See ECF 1-3.
- 2. SunPorno.com (hereinafter SunPorno) is owned and operated by an individual or group of individuals who took steps to keep their identities hidden (for obvious reasons). At the time of the initial

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complaint (ECF 1), the only identifiable information for this individual or group of individuals was "Moniker Privacy Services Registrant 2125963." There is now information that the one of the primary stakeholders, owners and/or operators is Sergej Letyagin (hereinafter Letyagin), a resident of the Czech Republic. Further stakeholders, owners and/or operators and their relationships will be identified during discovery.

- 3. The Defendants copied, reproduced and distributed certain Plaintiff-owned works through <a href="https://www.sunporno.com">www.sunporno.com</a>.
- 4. Does 1-50 are employees of, agents for, or registered members of the SunPorno website. They remain presently unidentified.
- 5. The Defendants' actions were willful in nature, entitling Plaintiff to enhanced damages. The Plaintiff seeks statutory damages, actual damages, an award of its attorneys' fees and costs of suit, as well as injunctive relief.

### THE PARTIES

# The Plaintiff, Liberty Media Holdings, LLC

- 6. Liberty Media Holdings, LLC is a California limited liability company doing business as CORBIN FISHER®, with a principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 7. Plaintiff Liberty produces, markets, and distributes adult-oriented audiovisual works under the registered marks CORBIN FISHER®, and CORBIN FISHER'S AMATEUR COLLEGE SEX®, including photographs, books, DVDs, and through the operation of a website. At this website, individuals purchase monthly subscriptions to view Plaintiff's photographic works and audiovisual content.
- 8. Liberty's website has "free tour" areas where G-Rated photographs may be viewed, but its more explicit erotic works are only available to individuals who pay a monthly subscription fee or who purchase a DVD from Liberty.
- 9. Liberty prohibits persons who are under the age of 18 from accessing the more explicit areas of its website, and does not sell its DVDs to minors.

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## Sergej Letyagin

- 10. Sergej Letyagin d/b/a SunPorno.com, formerly identified as "Moniker Privacy Services Registrant number 2125963", (hereinafter "Letyagin") attempted to obscure his true identity and location through the use of privacy services, misleading information, and omission of information.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Letyagin is the owner, operator and/or primary stakeholder in SunPorno.com.
- 12. Defendant Letyagin utilizes various techniques to obscure his true location, by using privacy services registrants in the United Kingdom and off-shore companies in the Seychelles.
- 13. Letyagin, however, resides in the Czech Republic in the city of Prague. See Declaration of Erika Dillon ¶ 4; Exhibit A. His domain name registrar, Moniker Online Services, confirmed that he is in the Czech Republic.
- 14. Letyagin accessed his domain name registration account from Internet Protocol addresses (IP addresses) from California in 2008, but since then, the vast majority of the IP addresses have hailed from the Czech Republic.
- 15. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

#### Ideal Consult, Ltd.

- 16. Ideal Consult, Ltd. appears to be a Seychellois corporation. This company is listed as the domain name registrant for the SunPorno.com domain name, and thus is a proper Defendant in this action.
- 17. However, on information and belief, this corporation is a sham entity and is merely an alter ego of Mr. Letyagin.
- 18. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and

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improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

#### SunPorno User "advert"

- 19. SunPorno user "advert" (hereinafter advert) was a member or administrator of the SunPorno website, previously registered under the screen name advert. When the true identity of advert is discovered, this complaint will be amended to include his or her true name.
- 20. On information and belief, advert was an administrator, officer, owner or other insider at SunPorno.
- 21. Advert was responsible for uploading the Liberty copyrighted work "Noah and Mandy" to the SunPorno website. This video had been viewed 14,478 times with a 100% "like" rating as of September 21, 2011. See ECF 1-4.
- 22. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

#### SunPorno User "Casta"

- 23. SunPorno user "Casta" (hereinafter Casta) was a member or administrator of the SunPorno website, previously registered under the screen name Casta. When the true identity of Casta is discovered, this complaint will be amended to include his or her true name.
- 24. On information and belief, Casta was an administrator, officer, owner or other insider at SunPorno.
- 25. Casta was responsible for uploading the Liberty copyrighted work "Josh and Mandy" to the SunPorno website. This video had been viewed 98,965 times with a 90% "like" rating as of September 21, 2011. See ECF 1-5.
- 26. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and

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improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

## SunPorno User "Trikster"

- 27. SunPorno user "Trikster" (hereinafter Trikster) was a member or administrator of the SunPorno website, previously registered under the screen name Trikster. When the true identity of Trikster is discovered, this complaint will be amended to include his or her true name.
- 28. On information and belief, Trikster was an administrator, officer, owner or other insider at SunPorno.
- 29. Trikster was responsible for uploading the Liberty copyrighted work "Dawson and Mandy" to the SunPorno website. This video had been viewed 6,386 times with a 100% "like" rating as of September 21, 2011. See ECF 1-6.
- 30. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

## SunPorno User "tester"

- 31. SunPorno user "tester" (hereinafter tester) was a member of the SunPorno website, previously registered under the screen name tester. When the true identity of tester is discovered, this complaint will be amended to include his or her true name.
- 32. Tester was responsible for uploading the Liberty copyrighted work "Chris and Mandy" to the SunPorno website. This video had been viewed 4,470 times with a 61% "like" rating as of September 21, 2011. See ECF 1-7.
- 33. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

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## SunPorno User "likis"

- 34. SunPorno user "likis" (hereinafter likis) was a member or administrator of the SunPorno website, previously registered under the screen name likis. When the true identity of likis is discovered, this complaint will be amended to include his or her true name.
- 35. On information and belief, likis was an administrator, officer, owner or other insider at SunPorno.
- 36. Likis was responsible for uploading the Liberty copyrighted work "Tanner and Mandy" to the SunPorno website. This video had been viewed 13,075 times with a 78% "like" rating as of September 21, 2011. See ECF 1-8.
- 37. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

### SunPorno User "worker"

- 38. SunPorno user "worker" (hereinafter worker) was a member of the SunPorno website, previously registered under the screen name worker. When the true identity of worker is discovered, this complaint will be amended to include his or her true name.
- 39. Likis was responsible for uploading the Liberty copyrighted work "Philip Fucks Trey" (renamed "Passionate college gay boys having sex on the sofa" on SunPorno) to the SunPorno website. This video had been viewed 34,929 times with a 90% "like" rating as of September 21, 2011. See ECF 1-9.
- 40. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

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#### Does 1-50

- 41. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise of the Defendants sued herein as Does 1-50 are unknown to Plaintiff, which sues said Defendants by fictitious names. If necessary, Plaintiff will seek leave of this Court to further amend this complaint to state these Defendants' true names and capacities.
- 42. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that these Doe Defendants should also be subject to the relief requested herein.
- 43. Defendant Does 1-50 assisted, conspired with, or acted in conjunction with the other Defendants in order to abuse the illegal activities complained of. Plaintiff intends to amend this Complaint when the true names of any Doe defendant become known.
- 44. Plaintiff avers that each Defendant, individually, corporately, jointly and/or severally, acted intentionally, knowingly, negligently or through willful blindness, as an agent, or representative of each and every, all and singular, the other Defendants, and acted to further the ends of the illegal and improper purposes alleged herein in a common course or scheme to infringe on the Plaintiff's copyrighted intellectual property for profit and monetary gain.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 45. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to the Copyright Act. 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq.
- 46. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants, who have engaged in business activities in and directed to this district, and have committed tortious acts within this district or directed at this district.
- 47. As SunPorno is registered in the state of Florida, lists a Florida address, and contracted with a Florida domain name registrar and a Florida domain name privacy service, all to commit the wrong alleged herein, SunPorno is certainly subject to jurisdiction in the Southern District of Florida.
- 48. As advert, Casta, Trikster, worker, likis, and tester uploaded the Plaintiff's copyrighted materials to this Florida based website and they are (most likely) principles of SunPorno, they, too, are subject to jurisdiction in the Southern District of Florida.

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- 49. As Letyagin provided the platform, support and means for uploading the Plaintiff's copyrighted materials to this Florida based website and he is the signatory to the Moniker domain name services account for SunPorno.com, he too, is subject to jurisdiction in the Southern District of Florida.
- 50. As Ideal Consult, Ltd. provided the platform, support and means for uploading the Plaintiff's copyrighted materials to this Florida based website and is the listed agent for SunPorno.com, it too, is subject to jurisdiction in the Southern District of Florida.
- 51. Furthermore, as Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. are merely alter egos of each other, they are both equally subject to jurisdiction in the district.
- 52. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1391(b), (c) and (d); and 28 U.S.C. §1400(a).

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

- SunPorno is a website that provides adult-themed audiovisual content to its members. Many of the works available on the website appear to be copyrighted videos. These videos are stolen from a number of adult entertainment companies, including Plaintiff. While the site is free for members to join and view, as well as download, a large number of videos (including at least 6 of Plaintiff's works), SunPorno also provides premium memberships through a third party company, <a href="https://www.csmembers.com">www.csmembers.com</a>. See ECF 1-10. Memberships also allow members to sign up to view DVD quality movies and download these movies in HD formats. See ECF 1-11.
- 54. Defendant's business model of using unauthorized works without compensation has significantly contributed to the ability of Defendant to become one of the most visited sites in the world. Defendant offers unauthorized content for free that legitimate competitors must pay for, with extraordinary results. Defendant then sells premium access to unauthorized content with more extraordinary results. An illegitimate business model where the cost of goods sold is zero will be able to drive out legitimate competitors.
- 55. The SunPorno.com website is visited by over 1,500,000 Internet surfers per day. Exhibit B. Alexa, a website ranking service, ranks SunPorno.com as number 1,279 in the most visited websites in the world. Exhibit C. As a comparison, Google.com and Facebook.com are ranked 1 and 2, respectively, while NBC.com and NBA.com are ranked 1,638 and 2,193, respectively.

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- 56. Upon information and belief, Defendant Letyagin has created, owns, and/or operates the internet website <a href="www.sunporno.com">www.sunporno.com</a>. In concert with the other Defendants, Defendant Letyagin users this site to display and distribute Plaintiff's films to Internet users. Defendant Letyagin and the other Defendants each know, or have reason to know, that there is no proper license or authority to display and distribute Plaintiff's films on the website to obtain commercial and financial gain from such display and distribution. Defendants use the website to gather a vast and extensive collection of infringed films to display and distribute. The fundamental purpose of the website is to capitalize on the illegal dissemination of infringing works. This display and distribution provides Defendant Letyagin with significant monthly revenues, and hinders Plaintiff's rightful ability to derive financial benefits from their own films.
- 57. Upon information and belief, the high volume of internet traffic generated at SunPorno.com is due to the presentation of viewing the infringed works available for free, rather than obtaining the viewing rights legally and knowingly paying for such rights.
- 58. SunPorno operates a webmasters program, wherein it provides additional services to webmasters, allowing them to, and encouraging them to assist SunPorno in its illegal endeavor for monetary compensation.
- 59. Defendant pays third parties to send web users, also known as traffic, to Defendant's website. Details of Defendant's webmaster program will be determined during discovery.
- 60. Defendant allows third parties to display Plaintiff's intellectual property to third parties on third party websites for the purpose of driving traffic back to SunPorno. SunPorno has enabled this feature by providing an "embed code" for every video on its site. An Internet user can copy and paste the embed code on another website where the video can then be viewed. The number of views displayed on SunPorno does not reflect the number of views on secondary sites utilizing the embed code. This significantly increases the number of views, further contributing to the number of copyright infringements and contributing further to the dilution of the Plaintiff's trade and service marks.
- 61. Defendants have taken advantage of the existence of legitimate websites that properly facilitate the exchange of user-generated content. Defendant SunPorno is truly a subscription membership website hiding behind the veneer of a simple user-generated content exchange site. The SunPorno website sells premium memberships to its website and pays third parties to send traffic to its

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websites like a membership website. The SunPorno.com website is designed for the sole purpose of taking commercial advantage of copyrighted works without any authority whatsoever and derive benefit from the copyrighted works. This significant commercial and financial advantage is obtained without purchasing or licensing any rights from the copyright holder nor incurring the significant expense of creating and generating the content itself.

- 62. SunPorno's business model also depends on ad generated income and profits. Each page displaying free video content has several banner ads and often has side bar ads as well.
- 63. SunPorno awards members "tokens" for signing up and has additional tokens available for sale. These tokens are redeemable for live chat sessions with models posting directly to the site. These tokens are valued at per minute rates based upon the desirability of the content (i.e., group live events are 2 tokens per minute whereas private shows with top-rated models are 25 tokens per minute). SunPorno could not, and would not be able to, sell these tokens without attracting viewers to the site by using the Plaintiff's copyrighted works.
- 64. The SunPorno.com website does not initially allow users to view high-quality versions of Plaintiff's films or download Plaintiff's films to the user's computer, although the entire film was available at a lower quality via the website's streaming service. If the internet user wishes to download the motion pictures or view them in high-definition, the user is presented with the option of becoming a Premium member to receive such services. Upon entering personal information, the user is then asked to "provide a valid credit card for age verification." This "Free Membership" is subject to the terms and conditions which state that "[a]ll Trial Memberships will renew automatically to a one-month membership at the end of the Trial Period and will be billed at the rate of \$39.95/month or the then applicable rate, unless cancelled." If the user does not uncheck the "Bonus Offer" the user is also made a member of XXXHDVault.com ("membership renews at \$49.95/monthly, unless cancelled"); EroticDVDsOnline.com ("renews at \$29.95/monthly, unless cancelled"); or "[i]f you don't qualify for this offer, we will substitute it with UncommonPorn.com ... recurring at \$39.62 monthly, until cancelled." These forced, hidden memberships allow defendants to commercially benefit from Plaintiff's works without any benefit to Plaintiff. Exhibits D-E; Dillon Dec. at ¶ 7.
- 65. The Internet user, initially led to believe that Defendant's website is a completely free viewing site, is presented with paid options to enhance the viewing experience of unauthorized works

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owned by Plaintiff and other copyright owners. The user is permitted to download the films only with further financial benefit to Defendant. Defendants give away unauthorized viewing of Plaintiff's property then sell unauthorized copies of Plaintiff's property without any benefit to Plaintiff.

- 66. Although Liberty takes steps to keep its materials out of the hands of minors, SunPorno took no such protective steps, thus potentially circumventing Liberty's strong "no minors" policy.
- 67. Neither SunPorno nor the individual viewing the pirated material pays anything to the actual copyright owner of the pirated materials.
- 68. SunPorno's library of illicitly obtained materials does not appear magically or accidentally. SunPorno depends on an army of agents, members, and employees to upload the content.
- 69. Plaintiff Liberty discovered 6 copies of its copyrighted material illegally shared on Defendant's website. See ECF 7 at ¶ 4-6. A list of the copyrighted works, as well as the URL of the infringing copy on SunPorno, is available at ECF 1-12.
- 70. Prior to filing the initial complaint, Plaintiff conducted an investigation, which revealed that SunPorno did not have a registered DMCA Agent as required by 17 U.S.C. §512(c)(2) to qualify for the DMCA safe harbor provisions. ECF 7 at ¶ 16. Since the filing of the initial complain, SunPorno retained a DMCA agent. However, as SunPorno did not have a DMCA Agent at the time of the filing of this case, it is precluded from raising a DMCA defense for infringements that took place prior to their reactive registration of a DMCA Agent.
- 71. The SunPorno website is a massive collection of copyright infringements, and Letyagin, Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, worker, likis, tester and Does 1-50 are massive copyright infringers. Defendants publish illicitly obtained copyrighted materials to lure potential members to their website, and engage in this illicit activity for profit.
- 72. The principals of SunPorno and the other corporate Defendants, both known and unknown are equally liable for all acts complained of herein.
- 73. In addition to memberships sold through its website, Plaintiff sells its copyrighted audiovisual material in DVD format. Sales occur through various channels, including wholesale distribution for down-channel retail distribution. Plaintiff also markets its products through third-party licenses.

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- 74. The audiovisual works at issue are valuable, and easily discernable as professionally produced works. Plaintiff Liberty created the works using highly talented performers, directors, cinematographers, lighting technicians, set designers, and editors. Plaintiff Liberty created the works using the highest quality cameras, lighting, and editing equipment.
- Neither the individuals supplying the copyrighted works to the Defendants, nor the SunPorno website, nor any other Defendant, determines the true and correct owners of the copyrighted works. This is true although both the individuals transferring and the Defendant receiving and distributing these works are actually or constructively aware, should be aware, or are willfully blind that the copyrights belong to entities other than the individuals or Defendants. Both the individuals supplying the works and the Defendant distributing the intellectual property fail and refuse to apply for proper licensing and further fail to determine the identity and age of the actors appearing in the works as required by law.
- 76. SunPorno earns revenue by using free content to draw members to the site and then incentivizing members with redeemable tokens, as well as advertisements. SunPorno is able to sell tokens based on the number and quality of videos available on its website and is able to sell ad space based on its site's daily hits and number of members, which in turn is influenced by the number of new videos uploaded as well as their quality and desirability.
- 77. All of Plaintiff's works appearing on the SunPorno website are highly rated by the site, and therefore are a large draw for its current and future members. See ECFs 1-4 through 1-9. The Plaintiff's works appearing on Defendant's site received an average of an 87% "like" rating by members, with the works receiving over 172,000 views.
- 78. Plaintiff sells its videos online for an average price of approximately \$5.00 each, if they are downloaded individually off the Plaintiff's website. At this price, these viewership figures support an actual damages award of approximately \$860,000, with the precise amount to be determined at trial.
- 79. Defendants' unauthorized reproduction, public display, and distribution of Plaintiff Liberty's works serve as an inducement, attracting many individuals to sign up for memberships to the SunPorno website, who profit the Defendants by clicking through on other paid ads to other sponsors of the SunPorno website and by purchasing additional tokens.

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- 80. Defendants actively engage in, promote, and induce copyright infringement. Each infringing act occurred on www.sunporno.com.
- 81. Plaintiff Liberty's employees discovered and documented that Defendants reproduced, publicly displayed, and distributed through the SunPorno website at least 6 unauthorized video files copyrighted by and belonging to Plaintiff. ECF 7 ¶ 4-6. SunPorno's customers viewed the illegally and improperly obtained intellectual property, and downloaded the property, thus making more copies thereof.
- 82. Defendants' business model depends on the uploading, posting, displaying, and performance of copyrighted audiovisual works belonging to Plaintiff Liberty. Defendants intentionally, knowingly, negligently, or by willful blindness, built a library of works that infringed on copyrighted material for drawing internet traffic to sign up memberships to view the works in order to sell ad space on its website, creating substantial revenues thereby.
- 83. Defendant intentionally, knowingly, negligently, or through willful blindness, chose to avoid reasonable precautions to deter rampant copyright infringement on the SunPorno website.
- 84. Defendants make no attempt to identify the individuals providing the works, where the individuals obtained the works, or whether the individuals had authority to further reproduce and distribute the works.
- 85. Defendants' acts and omissions allow them to profit by their infringement while imposing on copyright owners a monetary burden to monitor SunPorno without sufficient means to prevent continued and unabated infringement.
- 86. Prior to releasing its works into the market on the Internet or in DVD format, Plaintiff Liberty marks each work with a copyright notice. Plaintiff Liberty's labels reflect its true business address and a statement that it maintains age authentication records at that address, as required by 18 U.S.C. §2257.
- 87. Plaintiff Liberty prominently displays its copyright mark on its website, and prominently displays its trademark on its films.
- 88. Defendants' infringements harmed and continue to harm Plaintiff Liberty and others legally deriving the benefits of Plaintiff Liberty's creative works. Defendants' continued infringements undermine Plaintiff Liberty and other creative enterprises that produce audiovisual works.

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- 89. Plaintiff Liberty seeks immediate redress, as follows:
  - a. A declaration that Defendants' conduct in reproducing and distributing Plaintiff's copyrighted works without authorization willfully infringes Plaintiff Liberty's copyrights;
  - b. A permanent injunction requiring Defendants employ reasonable methods and/or technologies preventing or limiting infringement of Plaintiff Liberty's copyrights;
  - c. Statutory damages for Defendants' past and present willful infringement, or actual damages plus profits.
  - d. A seizure of all the instrumentalities of the Defendants' illegal acts.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# Copyright Infringement - 17 U.S.C. §§101 Et. Seq.

# Against Defendants Letyagin, Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis and worker

- 90. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference as if *verbatim*, each and every paragraph previous to this section, inclusive.
- 91. Plaintiff Liberty holds the copyright on all of the six infringed works alleged in this action. See ECF 1-13 and Exhibit F.
- 92. Plaintiff Liberty registered each copyright with the United States Patent and Copyright Office. See ECF 1-13 and Exhibit F.
- 93. The number of infringed copyrights grows daily. Plaintiff reserves the right to file supplemental updates to ECF 1-13 and Exhibit F.
- 94. At all pertinent times, Plaintiff Liberty was the producer and registered owner of the audiovisual works illegally and improperly reproduced and distributed by Defendants through the SunPorno website.
- 95. Defendants reproduced, reformatted, and distributed Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works by and through servers and/or other hardware owned, operated, and/or controlled by Defendant Letyagin.
- 96. Defendants infringed Plaintiff's copyrights by reproducing and distributing the works through the SunPorno website without proper approval or authorization of Plaintiff.

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- 97. Defendants knew or should have reasonably known they did not have permission to exploit Plaintiff Liberty's works on the SunPorno website and further knew or should have known their acts constituted copyright infringement.
- 98. Defendants made no attempt to discover the copyright owners of the pirated works before exploiting them. Defendants failed and refused to take any reasonable measure to determine the owner or license holder of copyrighted works.
- 99. Defendants engaged in intentional, knowing, negligent, or willfully blind conduct sufficient to demonstrate they engaged actively in the improper collection and distribution of Plaintiff Liberty's copyright works.
- 100. The quantity of copyright files available to Internet users increased the attractiveness of the SunPorno website's services to its customers, increased its membership base, and increased its sales revenue.
  - 101. SunPorno actively encouraged users to upload pirated copyrighted files.
- 102. Defendants controlled the files removed from the SunPorno website and determined which files remained.
- 103. SunPorno never adopted procedures to ensure that distribution of Liberty's copyrighted material would not occur. While SunPorno established a DMCA agent and DMCA notification page following the filing of the initial complaint in this action, SunPorno has yet to establish, implement, communicate, or enforce a "repeat infringer" policy.
- 104. Defendant Letyagin was aware, either actually or constructively, should have been aware, or was willfully blind that pirated copyrighted materials comprised popular videos on the SunPorno website.
- 105. Defendants affirmatively and willfully accommodated Internet traffic generated by the illegal acts, and profited therefrom.
- On information and belief, Defendant Letyagin will claim that it is not responsible for the content on its website and that all of the content is "user-generated." As a primary matter, content is not "user-generated" but rather "user-posted" at best. However, on information and belief, and on that basis Plaintiff alleges, Letyagin directs, controls or otherwise uploads content to his own website including, but not limited, to the content which is the subject of this complaint.

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- 107. Although Letyagin will likely claim that the content was uploaded by third parties, five of the six motion pictures at issues in this action all contain the same actress, known as "Mandy." It is highly unlikely that five different users would sift through all of the hundreds upon hundreds of Corbin Fisher titles, and only five movies starring "Mandy" happened to be selected by five unrelated users to be uploaded to this website. It is a statistical impossibility that this could be coincidental, strongly suggesting that the posting of these materials is not done by unrelated third parties, but is actually done by Letyagin himself, or Ideal Consult, Ltd., itself, using alias usernames, or that the usernames that performed the uploading are somehow linked.
- 108. Further, each user profile lists the user's age, gender, the date they joined the website, the number of videos they have watched on the website, the number of videos they have uploaded, and the number of people who have watched videos the user has uploaded. ECF  $7 \, \P \, 8$ .
- 109. The following four usernames appear to have been administrators or site management: Casta, advert, likis and Trikster. Before these accounts were deleted, they all listed join dates of "01 January 1970." Members are not provided with the ability to change their join dates. These members viewed zero videos while uploading thousands. Unlike most members, these members do not utilize the social features of the profile called "connections" and "favorite videos." ECF 7 ¶ 10-13; ECF 1-14.
- 110. Profile pages also allow other members to leave comments directed at the member. On the profile page for Casta, another member requested explanation as to why one of the videos they attempted to upload was denied. ECF 7 ¶ 14; ECF 1-14. This question would only be directed toward an administrator or moderator.
- 111. Based upon the manner in which these accounts were set up and utilized, it is highly unlikely that they were typical users and most likely have additional rights and permissions commonly restricted to administrators, moderators, webmasters or other enforcers of site policy. ECF 7 ¶ 11, 15.
- 112. Defendants' conduct was willful within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. §101, et. seq. At a minimum, Defendants acted with willful blindness and reckless disregard of Plaintiff Liberty's registered copyrights.
- 113. Because of their wrongful conduct, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for copyright infringement. See 17 U.S.C. §501. Plaintiff suffers and will continue to suffer substantial losses, including, but not limited to, damage to its business reputation and goodwill.

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- 114. The law permits Plaintiff to recover damages, including readily ascertainable direct losses and all profits Defendants made by their wrongful conduct. 17 U.S.C. §504. Alternatively, the law permits Plaintiff Liberty to recover statutory damages. 17 U.S.C. §504(c).
- 115. Because of Defendants' willful infringement, the law permits enhancement of the allowable statutory damages. 17 U.S.C. §504(c)(2).
- 116. The law permits Plaintiff injunctive relief. 17 U.S.C. §502. Further, the law permits a Court Order impounding any and all infringing materials. 17 U.S.C. §503.
- 117. Plaintiff Liberty has no complete remedy at law for Defendants' wrongful conduct as follows:
  - a. Plaintiff's copyrights are unique and valuable property having no readily determinable market value;
  - b. Defendants' infringement harms Plaintiff's business reputation and goodwill such that Plaintiff could not be made whole by any monetary award; and,
  - c. Defendants' wrongful conduct damages to Plaintiff are continuing and unremitting.
- 118. Plaintiff is entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief prohibiting further infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights. 17 U.S.C. §502.
  - 119. Plaintiff is entitled to actual or statutory damages, to be elected by Plaintiff.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Contributory Copyright Infringement Against Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd.

- 120. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference as if *verbatim*, each and every paragraph previous to this section, inclusive.
- 121. Advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker, without authorization reproduced and distributed Plaintiff Liberty's works through Defendant Letyagin's website, directly infringing Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works.
  - 122. Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. contributed to the infringing acts of those individuals.
- 123. Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. were aware, should have been aware, or were willfully blind to the infringing activity.

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- 124. Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. aided, abetted, allowed, and encouraged those individuals to reproduce and distribute Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works through its website without regard to copyright ownership.
- 125. Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. had the obligation and ability to control and stop the infringements and failed to do so.
  - 126. Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. materially contributed to the infringement.
  - 127. Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. received direct financial benefits from the infringements.
- 128. All Defendants had actual, constructive or should have had actual or constructive knowledge of the infringing acts.
- 129. The conduct, acts, and omission of all Defendants demonstrate contributory copyright infringement.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

## Contributory Copyright Infringement

## Against Defendants Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker

- 130. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference as if *verbatim*, each and every paragraph previous to this section, inclusive.
- 131. Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker, without authorization reproduced and distributed Plaintiff Liberty's works through Defendant Letyagin's website, directly infringing Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works.
- 132. Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker contributed to the infringing acts of the SunPorno website.
- 133. Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker were aware, should have been aware, or were willfully blind to the infringing activity.
- 134. Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker aided, abetted, allowed, and encouraged the SunPorno website to reproduce and distribute Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works through its website without regard to copyright ownership.
- 135. Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker had the obligation and ability to control and stop the infringements and failed to do so.
- 136. Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker materially contributed to the infringement.

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- 137. All Defendants had actual, constructive or should have had actual or constructive knowledge of the infringing acts.
- 138. The conduct, acts, and omission of all Defendants demonstrate contributory copyright infringement.

## FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Vicarious Copyright Infringement

# Against Defendants Letyagin, Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, and worker

- 139. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference as if *verbatim*, each and every paragraph previous to this section, inclusive.
- 140. Without authorization, individuals reproduced, distributed, and publicly displayed Plaintiff Liberty's works through the SunPorno website, directly infringing Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works.
- 141. Defendants were actually or constructively aware, should have been aware or were willfully blind to the infringing activity.
- 142. Defendants were able to control or completely end the illegal and improper infringement, but failed and refused to do so.
  - 143. Defendants contributed materially to the infringement.
  - 144. Defendants received direct financial gain and profit from those infringing activates.
- 145. The acts, omissions, and conduct of all Defendants constitute vicarious copyright infringement.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Inducement of Copyright Infringement Against Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd.

- 146. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference as if *verbatim*, each and every paragraph previous to this section, inclusive.
- 147. Defendants designed and distributed technology and devices and induced individuals to use this technology to promote the use of infringed and copyrighted material. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' inducement, individuals infringed Plaintiff Liberty's copyrighted works. These individuals reproduced, distributed and publicly disseminated Plaintiff's copyrighted works through Defendant Letyagin's and Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd.'s website, SunPorno.com.

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148. Defendants' inducements were willful, knowing or negligent and, at all pertinent times, Defendant acted in disregard of and with indifference to Plaintiff's copyrights.

# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION Declaratory Judgment of Alter Ego Status Against Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd.

- 149. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference as if *verbatim*, each and every paragraph previous to this section, inclusive.
- 150. Defendant Letyagin is, and at all pertinent times was, the sole owner of the SunPorno.com website.
- 151. On information and belief, Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. are alter egos of cach other.
- 152. There exists, and at all pertinent times existed, a unity of interest in ownership between Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. Any individuality and separateness between Defendants ceased and Defendant Letyagin is the alter ego of Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd., as follows:
  - a. Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. commingled funds and other assets for their own convenience and to assist in evading payment of obligations;
  - b. Defendant Letyagin controlled, dominated and operated Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd. as his individual business and alter ego, carried out the activities and business of Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd. without holding directors' and shareholders' meetings, and without maintaining adequate records or minutes of corporate proceedings;
  - c. Defendant Letyagin failed to adequately capitalize Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd;
  - d. Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd. is, and at all pertinent times was, a mere shell, instrumentality, and conduit through which Defendant Letyagin carried on personal business in a corporate name as if the corporation were unincorporated;
  - e. Defendant Letyagin exercised complete control and dominance to an extent that any individuality or separateness of Defendants Letyagin and Ideal Consult, Ltd. does not presently exist and did not exist in the past.

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153. The separate existence of Defendant Ideal Consult, Ltd. as an entity distinct from Defendant Letyagin is a fiction. Recognition of this fiction permits the to court find an abuse of the corporate privilege and to declare the entities to be alter egos of each other.

#### **DAMAGES**

- 154. The videos at issue in this action have been viewed for a total of 172,303 times. See ECFs 1-4 through 1-9.
- 155. The cheapest comparable video options on Corbin Fisher's pay-per-view site, Corbin Fisher Select, are \$3.95. See ECF 6  $\P$  8. If these views had been paid, even at the lowest available rate, this would total \$680,596.85. See ECF 6  $\P$  9a-f.
- 156. The Copyright Act permits the Plaintiff to elect to statutory damages, and Plaintiff reserves the right to do so. In the event Plaintiff elects to do so, statutory damages in this case will be up to \$900,000.

### PRAYER FOR RELIF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Liberty respectfully requests the Court hereby:

- (1) Enter a judgment declaring that all Defendants, jointly and severally, with a common plan, purpose or scheme, willfully infringed Plaintiff's rights in federally registered copyrights pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §501 through direct, contributory, vicarious and inducing acts;
- (2) Issue declaratory and injunctive relief against all Defendants, their agents, representatives, servants, employees, attorneys, successors and assignees, and all others acting in concert or participation with them, and further enjoin and restrain all Defendants and others from copying, posting or making any other infringing distribution of Plaintiff's audiovisual works, photographs or other materials;
- (3) Issue injunctive and declaratory relief against Defendants Letyagin, Ideal Consult, Ltd., advert, Casta, Trikster, tester, likis, worker, and Does 1-50 and their agents, representatives, servants, employees, attorneys, successors and assignees, and all others acting in concert or participation with them, be enjoined and restrained from engaging in further acts of copyright infringement; and if they are unable to comply, then this Court should issue an order shutting down the SunPorno website completely;

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- (4) Enter an order of impoundment pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§503 and 509(a) impounding all infringing copies of Plaintiff's audiovisual works, photographs or other materials, which are in Defendants' possession or under their control;
- (5) Enter an order enjoining Defendants from disposition of any domain names registered to them, or other property, until full and final settlement of any and all money judgments;
- (6) Enter an order requiring a full and complete accounting of all amounts due and owing to Plaintiff Liberty as a result of their illegal or improper activity, whether criminal or civil in nature, of any and all Defendants, each and singular, jointly or severally;
- (7) Enter an order directing the Defendants pay Plaintiff damages as follows:
  - a. Maximum enhanced statutory damages of \$150,000 per infringed work pursuant to 17
     U.S.C. §504(c)(2), for Defendants' willful infringement of Plaintiff Liberty's copyrights; or
  - b. Plaintiff Liberty's actual damages and Defendants' profits; and,
- (8) Enter an order directing the Defendants pay Plaintiff Liberty both the costs of action and the reasonable attorney's fees incurred by it in prosecuting this action pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §505;
- (9) Enter an order directing the Defendants pay pre- and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate;
- (10) Enter a declaratory judgment that Ideal Consult, Ltd. is a sham corporation and is a mere alter ego of Letyagin.
- (11) Grant to Plaintiff Liberty whatever and further relief, either in law or in equity, to which this Honorable Court deems them fit to receive.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby respectfully demands a jury trial as provided by Rule 38(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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